

# STATE INSPECTOR FOUND 14,500 DEFECTIVE METERS

This May Explain Why So Many  
Thousands of New York Gas Con-  
sumers Have Been Complaining of  
Exorbitant Bills for Light and Fuel.

How's your gas meter?  
One in every five is defective—in the  
company's favor.

None have been found defective  
in your favor.

Have you recently noted the yellowish  
tinge of the gas light?  
Well, that's because the gas is of poor  
quality. It costs less to make than good  
gas, although it does spread soot all  
over the house.

Have you observed that hissing of the  
gas jet?  
That's because the gas is so poor that  
the pressure has to be increased so  
that you get enough light. Of course  
it makes the gas-meter wheels go faster.

## Big Surplus! No Wonder!

These are little things which account  
for the Consolidated Gas Company  
planting \$2,000,000 last year as a neat  
surplus on the year's business. Mind  
you, that is a surplus which is left  
after all expenses and the regular divid-  
end on the stock have been paid.

The Company made \$400,000 more last  
year than they did the year before.

With the same poor gas and the same  
high pressure the surplus this year will  
be much higher.

Just now Alexander, State Inspector of  
Gas Meters, has just made a report to  
Gov. Odell in which he makes the start-  
ling statement that in the 72,853 gas  
meters he examined in New York City  
20 per cent. were actually counting up  
more gas than was used. He said they  
were defective and invariably so de-  
fective that they recorded as used a  
much greater volume of gas than was  
really consumed.

## Well-Trained Meters.

That means that every fifth gas meter  
in New York City is "knocking down"  
on the consumer and sending the gas  
company more money than is due it.

Inspector Alexander, while he enu-  
merates the causes for the present gas  
outrage, hints plainly at what The  
Evening World exposed a year ago  
when the Consolidated Gas Company  
was caught "boosting" gas bills. At  
that time it was shown conclusively  
that it made little difference what the  
meter actually read, that the company  
had a definite scale which showed  
what it believed each consumer should  
use and that they were charged ac-  
cordingly.

In his report to Gov. Odell Inspector  
Alexander says:

## No Discretionary Powers.

"When the meter is found to run too

fast, certificate is given to the con-  
sumer, for which he can collect from the  
gas company an adequate rebate for the  
gas he may have been overcharged  
during the time the meter is supposed  
to have run fast. This matter of rebate  
is often a bone of contention between  
the gas company and the consumer, and  
as the law gives me no discretionary  
powers, I am frequently placed in an  
embarrassing position when called upon  
to arbitrate between them.

"My experience has taught me that  
the condition of the meter is not the  
cause of the high bills, except in very  
rare cases. The prevailing opinion is  
that the gas manufactured at the pres-  
ent time is of an inferior quality, and  
that it does not possess the heating and  
illuminating power of that made in for-  
mer years. It therefore becomes neces-  
sary to put a high pressure on the flow  
of gas, and as it passes through the  
meter it registers, of course, much faster  
than the gas driven through the meter  
by a normal or slower pressure.

## Consumer Knocked All Around.

"A great deal of dissatisfaction has  
been expressed to me by gas consumers  
on account of high charges on meter  
deposits. While these complaints are  
not always justified, because the gas  
companies, in order to guard themselves  
against losses, must necessarily adopt  
certain protective measures, these de-  
posits should be regulated and systemat-  
ized according to the actual amount  
of gas used by the consumer.

Assemblyman Miller has a bill in the  
Legislature providing for the appoint-  
ment of a commission by the Mayor  
to examine into the quality of the gas  
furnished by the Consolidated Gas Com-  
pany and the methods used in its manu-  
facture and to make recommendations  
for remedial legislation.

## Of Course More Gas "Used."

"The annual report of the Consolidated  
Gas Company, which was read to the  
directors yesterday, shows that there  
are 680,267 gas meters in service in the  
city and that ten per cent. more gas  
was used last year than the year be-  
fore. And while there was an increase  
of more than ten per cent. in the vol-  
ume of gas used, there was an increase  
of only four per cent. in the number of  
gas meters. From those figures it would  
be inferred that the company, by put-  
ting extra pressure on the mains, be-  
cause of the poor lighting quality of the  
gas, had increased the average consump-  
tion of gas by sixty per cent. for  
each meter. Where there are more than  
half a million meters the increase adds  
quite a surplus to the trust's bank ac-  
count.

# C. W. BAILEY SUES BROTHER-IN-LAW

Wealthy Jeweller Declares that  
E. Holloway Coe Took His  
Sister, Mr. Bailey's Wife,  
Away from Him.

Sensational developments are prom-  
ised when the suit of Charles W.  
Bailey against his brother-in-law, E.  
Holloway Coe, is brought to trial. As  
yet no date has been set for the suit.  
The action already has resulted in the  
arrest of Mr. Coe and his being held  
in \$50,000 bail in a suit for \$100,000  
brought against him by Mr. Bailey for  
the alienation of Mrs. Bailey's affec-  
tions. Mrs. Bailey is Mr. Coe's sister,  
and the charges are that Mr. Coe con-  
spired to turn the mind of his sister  
against her husband.

The suit brought is one of several  
that have been hanging fire in the com-  
plicated legal tangle growing out of the  
marriage and separation of the Baileys.  
Mr. Bailey is worth half a million  
dollars. He is a manufacturing jeweller  
of the firm of Bailey, Banks & Biddle,  
of Philadelphia and New York. Mr.  
Coe is a millionaire, a citizen, and  
one of the most prominent men in Phila-  
delphia. The Baileys were chums  
until the head of E. Franks & Co. Until  
a couple of years ago they were chums.  
Mrs. Bailey was the beautiful widow  
of Chauncey Kerr. A woman of  
wealth when she married Mr. Kerr,  
she inherited a million dollars when he  
died.

## Wedding After Shooting.

The marriage of the Baileys came  
after a romance in the Adirondacks.  
There Mrs. Kerr was a guest at her  
brother's camp and so were Mr. Bailey  
and Dr. Charles F. Dade, of this city.  
The shooting season was on, and while  
Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Kerr were in a  
blind in the semi-darkness Dr. Dade  
mistook them for a deer and fired. Mrs.  
Kerr was wounded in the leg and suf-  
fered an amputation. Mr. Bailey also  
was wounded. When Mrs. Kerr recov-  
ered there was a wedding. This was in  
November, 1900.

In 1902 Mr. Bailey was called to  
France, where his mother had died.  
When he returned he met his wife, her  
brother and others in the Bolshaya  
apartments, where he had been living.  
There was a stormy scene. The wife  
accused him of improper conduct, an-  
nounced her intention of obtaining a  
divorce, and a separation followed.  
Mr. Bailey after a time brought a suit  
for divorce on grounds of desertion in  
Philadelphia, where his business inter-  
ests are, and where Mr. Coe for \$50,000  
this suit was dropped; another was  
started and that dropped, and the third  
was begun here. It was upon this suit  
that Mr. Coe was arrested yesterday on  
an order signed by Justice Gildersleeve.

## Conspiracy is Charged.

In the affidavits in the case support-  
ing the allegation of Mr. Bailey is one  
John Violes Walsh. He swears that  
he was given to her by a man who  
said he was Henry E. Johnson, a pri-  
vate detective employed by William F.

Coe's Cold in Great Britain.

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Formerly \$24.00 to \$42.00.	At \$17.50
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## Women's Tailor Made Coats & Jackets

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Formerly \$37.00 to \$45.00.	At \$16.50
Formerly \$27.00 to \$35.00.	At \$13.50
Formerly \$17.50 to \$25.00.	At \$9.75
Formerly \$10.50 to \$15.00.	At \$5.75

## Women's Evening Coats.

Formerly \$27.00 to \$32.00.	At \$19.00
Formerly \$52.00 to \$68.00.	At \$32.00
Formerly \$72.00 to \$98.00.	At \$48.00
Formerly \$115.00 to \$135.00.	At \$75.00
Formerly \$150.00 to \$198.00.	At \$89.00

## Women's Fur Coats.

### Of Persian and Broadtail Persian.

Formerly \$575.00.	At \$350.00
Formerly \$390.00.	At \$210.00
Formerly \$325.00.	At \$150.00
Formerly \$145.00.	At \$68.00
Formerly \$92.00.	At \$42.00

### Of Sealskin (Rice's London Dye).

Formerly \$190.00 to \$225.	At \$125.00
Formerly \$55.00 to \$68.00.	At \$32.00
Formerly \$45.00 to \$52.00.	At \$24.50

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### One-Third Less Than Marked Prices.

Our entire stock is affected. It includes Scarfs, Neckpieces, Muffs  
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Regularly \$1.50,

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40 Coats of Kersey, Zibeline and Cheviot, with caples, lined with good satin, plain and military trimmed; former prices \$12.50 to \$20.00	6.90
50 Tan Cover Coats, all lengths, man tailored, velvet collar and heavy satin lining; former prices \$20 to \$35,	12.50
35 Short Coats, of Zibeline, of the finest textures, long glossy surface; former price \$35.00	16.50
20 Coats, three-quarter length, in fine Broadcloth and light- weight imported Kersey, tastily trimmed; former price \$45.00	21.00
30 Zibeline Coats, three-quarter length, copies of im- ported models, with Parisian trimmings; former prices \$38 to \$60	25.00
50 Wraps, Broadcloth, Zibeline, Panne Cheviot, Kersey, made by best tailors; a finer lot of garments has not been shown this season; former prices \$50.00 to \$75.00	33.75

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And Other Exceptional Savings in Good Materials

YOU KNOW through years of experience that no store equals this one for dress goods, either in qualities or prices.  
If values count for anything this time of year, to-morrow's audience ought to be unusually large.

50-inch Black all wool Cheviot Serge... 50c. to 75c.	45-inch Black silk finish Henrietta..... 75c. to \$1.00
43-inch Black all wool Canvas Etamine... kinds at	51-inch Black sponged and shrunk Cheviot
50-inch Black Mohair Brilliantine..... 39c	43-inch Black all wool Canvas Voile..... 49c
38-inch Black all wool Crepe Granite...	46-inch Black Imported Crepe Etamine...
40-inch Black all wool Basket Canvas...	50-inch Black all wool Canvas Cheviot...

<b>All Wool Cheviot,</b> the 65c. kind; sponged and shrunk; brown, reseda, garnet, cardinal, myrtle, cadet, royal, navy, &c., 43-inch. To-morrow at <b>39c</b>	<b>All Wool Suiting,</b> the \$1.50 and \$1.25 kinds; 56-inch Scotch Tweeds, hairline stripe Zibelines, Flake Cheviots, Canvas-Homespun and other fabrics, in a great variety of colors. To-morrow only at <b>69c</b>	<b>Canvas Voile,</b> the 75c. kind; made from pure worsted yarns; superbly finished; all wanted shades, as well as cream; 42-inch. To-morrow at <b>49c</b>
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At 5.95; Instead of \$8.00 Set.  
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Six hundred pairs in copies of Brussels, Arabian, Irish Point and  
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Only a hundred pairs, but every one worthy and good. Heavy  
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Nothing leaves his mill as  
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The Old Fashioned Kind of block tinware that outwears three pieces  
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<b>Hams</b> —Swift's sugar- cured, lean, ten- der Ham, extra fine quality; United States Government inspected; regular 15-cent quality; while this lot lasts, per lb. <b>11 1/2c</b>	<b>Peas</b> —Chautauqua Ex- tra Early June, very sweet and tender, retaining the natural fla- vor of the fresh garden peas; per case 2 dozen, \$1.75; doz., 90c.; can... <b>8c</b>	<b>Butter</b> —Finest Elgin Creamery; we handle only one grade, THE BEST, 5-lb. stone crock... <b>1.29</b>
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